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RE PARAGRAPH 4 OF BONN'S 2689 TO DEPARTMENT AGREE NECESSITY MAKING
SPECIAL PROVISION FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN TRAVELLING IN PRIVATE
VEHICLES. SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT CONTINGENCY PLANNING SHOULD
INCLUDE TRIPARTITE ARRANGEMENTS TO MINIMIZE POSSIBILITY OF
WOMEN AND CHILDREN BEING CAUGHT IN SOVIET ZONE.

ONE METHOD WOULD BE TO HALT SUCH TRAVEL UPON RECEIPT OF SUBSTANTIAL
EVIDENCE THAT SOVIETS ON VERGE OF TURNING CHECKPOINTS OVER TO
EAST GERMANS. ANOTHER COULD BE TO REQUIRE IN SUCH SITUATION
THAT ALL PRIVATE VEHICLES TRAVEL AS PART OF MILITARY CONVOYS.

(in convoys)

WHILE SUCH PRECAUTIONS NOT PROOF AGAINST PRECIPITATE SOVIET
ACTIONS, PRESENT INDICATIONS THAT TURNOVER WOULD FOLLOW SOME
AGREEMENT BETWEEN USSR AND EAST GERMAN REGIME, SUCH AS SEPARATE
PEACE TREATY, AFFORD LIKELIHOOD THAT WE WILL HAVE SOME ADVANCE
INFORMATION AND ENHANCE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING AGREEMENT ON
PRECAUTIONS IN ADVANCE.

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